

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A frame comprising:
 - a sill;
 - a pair of spaced side jambs extending upwardly from said sill;
 - a head jamb spanning said side jambs;
 - a unitary plastic flashing member attached to said head jamb, said plastic flashing member being configured to define a flashing strip overlying and covering an upwardly facing top surface of said head jamb to inhibit moisture contact with said head jamb, a tab projecting toward said head jamb, a nailing fin projecting upwardly from said flashing strip in a direction opposite said tab and away from said head jamb for use in attaching said frame to an adjacent structure with fasteners extending through said nailing fin, and a drip edge extending along an upper outside corner of said head jamb to direct water from said flashing strip away from said head jamb, and a temporary construction cover secured to said drip edge with a tear-away connection, said construction cover depending from said drip edge and being sized to overlie and protect said head jamb during construction and being torn away along said tear-away connection and discarded after construction to expose said head jamb.
2. (Currently Amended) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said nailing fin is attached to said flashing strip with a flexible hinge, said flexible hinge being formed of a different material than said nailing fin and said flashing strip.
3. (Original) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said drip edge includes a lip.
4. (Original) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said frame is a door frame.

5-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said side jambs and said head jamb include brick mold, said flashing strip covering an upwardly facing top surface of said brick mold.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A door assembly comprising a threshold, a pair of spaced vertical side jambs extending upwardly from said threshold to upper ends, a head jamb spanning said upper ends of said side jambs, brick mold extending along said vertical jambs and said head jamb, and a unitary plastic flashing member securely attached at least to said brick mold along said head jamb by a tab projecting from said plastic flashing member, said plastic flashing member defining both a permanently attached flashing strip overlying an upper top surface of said brick mold along said head jamb to inhibit moisture contact with said brick mold, [[and]] a detachable construction cover secured to said flashing strip with a tear-away connection, and a nailing fin projecting in a direction opposite said tab, said construction cover depending from said flashing strip to overlie an outside face of said brick mold to protect said outside face from damage until said construction cover is torn away along said tear-away connection and discarded to expose the outside face.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and further comprising a drip edge formed along said flashing strip.

13. (Previously Presented) A door assembly as claimed in claim 12 and wherein said construction cover is secured with a tear-away connection along said drip edge.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and wherein said ~~unitary plastic flashing member further defines a~~ nailing fin ~~projecting~~ projects outwardly from said flashing strip and away from said door assembly for fastening said door assembly to a surrounding structure with fasteners extending through said nailing fin.

16. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 15 and wherein said nailing fin is attached to said flashing strip with a flexible hinge.

17. (Previously Presented) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and further comprising a second unitary plastic flashing member extending along each of said side jambs, said second plastic flashing member including a detachable construction cover overlying said brick mold along said side jambs.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A frame for a door or window, said frame comprising a sill, vertical side jambs, a head jamb, brick mold surrounding said frame along an outside edge of said jambs, and a plastic flashing member extending along at least said head jamb, said plastic flashing member having a permanently attached flashing strip that overlies an upper top surface of said brick mold to protect said brick mold from moisture, a tab extending from said flashing strip, a nailing fin extending from said flashing strip in a direction opposite said tab, and a detachable construction cover secured to and depending from said flashing strip and being sized to overlie and protect an otherwise exposed surface of said brick mold and that is detached from said flashing strip and discarded after construction leaving said flashing strip attached.

20-24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A method for protecting a brick mold of a door frame during construction, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a door sill;
- (b) providing a pair of spaced side jambs extending upwardly from said sill;
- (c) providing a head jamb spanning said side jambs;
- (d) providing brick mold at least along said head jamb;
- (e) attaching a unitary plastic flashing member to said brick mold, said plastic flashing member comprising:

- a flashing strip overlying and covering an upwardly facing top surface of said brick mold to inhibit moisture contact with said brick mold;

- a tab projecting toward and into a groove of said brick mold;

- a nailing fin projecting upwardly from said flashing strip in a direction opposite said tab and away from said brick mold for use in attaching said flashing member to an adjacent structure with fasteners extending through said nailing fin;

- a drip edge extending along an upper outside edge of said brick mold to direct water from said flashing strip away from said brick mold;

- a temporary construction cover secured to said drip edge with a tear-away connection, said construction cover depending from said drip edge and being sized to overlie and protect an outside face of said brick mold during construction; and

- (f) tearing away and discarding said temporary construction cover along said tear-away connection to expose said outside face of said brick mold.

26. (New) A method of flashing the brick mold along a head jamb of a door frame and protecting an outside face of the brick mold from damage during construction of a building in which the door frame is installed, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) positioning a unitary plastic flashing member on the brick mold, the flashing member, when positioned, having a flashing strip overlying an upper surface of the brick mold, a temporary construction cover attached to the flashing member along a tear away connection and

projecting downwardly relative to said flashing strip to cover at least partially the outside face of the brick mold, and a nailing fin projecting upwardly in a direction opposite to said temporary construction cover and being disposed against adjacent structure of the building;

(b) attaching the unitary plastic flashing member in position with fasteners extending through the nailing fin and into the adjacent structure;

(c) at least partially completing construction of the building with the temporary construction cover covering the outside face of the brick mold; and

(d) tearing away the temporary construction cover along its tear away connection to expose the outside face of the brick mold.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 and where in step (a) the unitary plastic flashing member includes a drip edge draping over an upper outside corner of the brick mold and wherein the temporary construction cover is attached with a tear away connection along the drip edge.

28. (New) The method of claim 26 and where in step (a) the unitary plastic flashing member includes a tab that extends downwardly from said flashing strip in a direction opposite to the nailing fin and into a groove formed along an upper surface of the brick mold.